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# the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®

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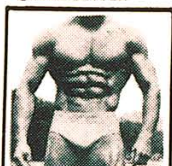




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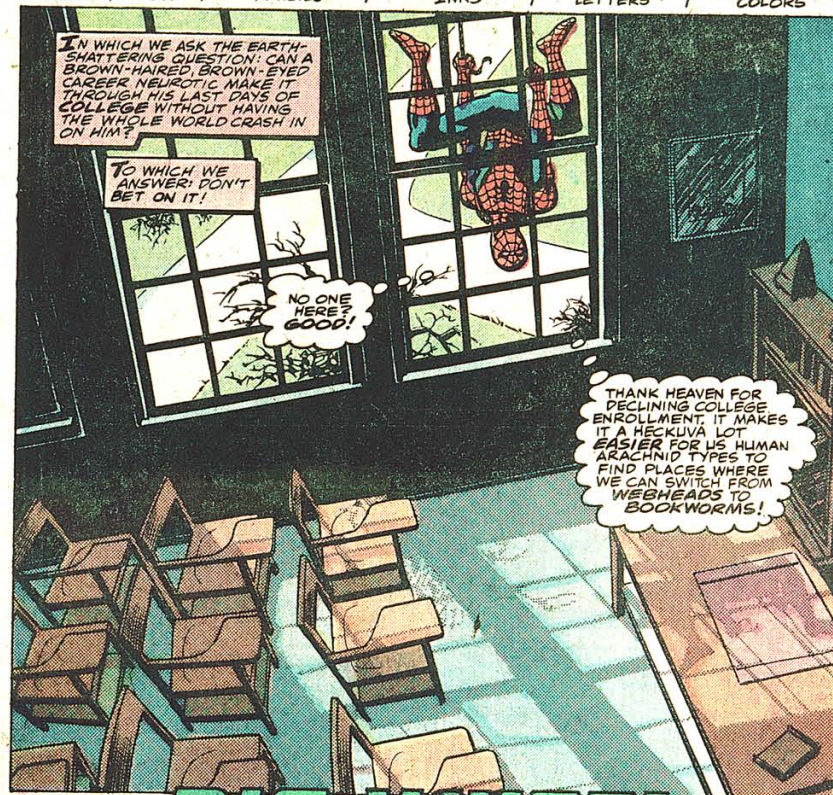
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NO ONE HERE? GOOD!

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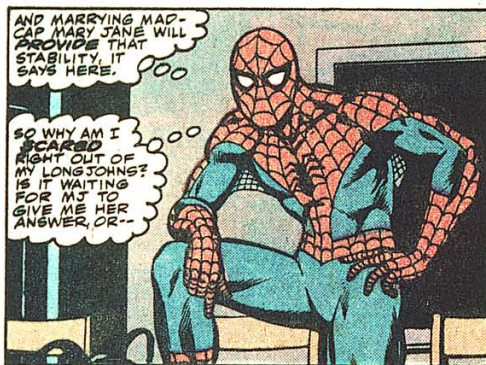
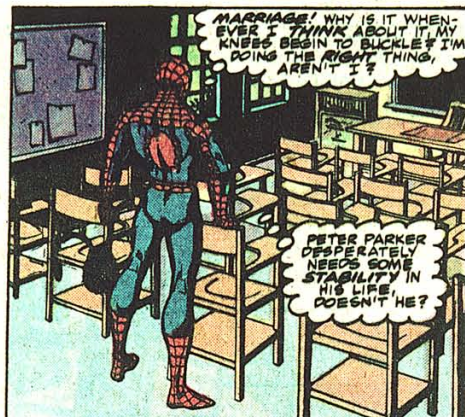
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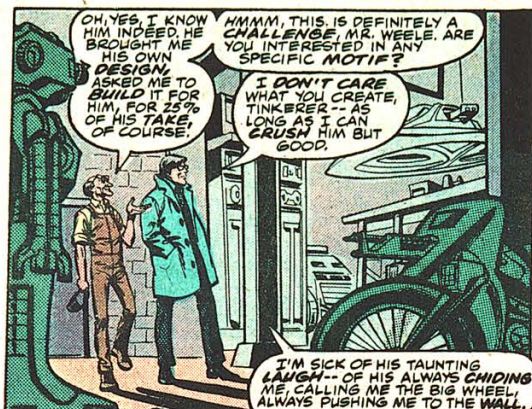
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NOBODY  
KNOWS!**

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MRS. PARKER, YOUR PULSE IS FINE, AND YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE IS DOWN. YOU'RE DOING QUITE WELL, CONSIDERING.

CONSIDERING I'M SUCH AN OLD WOMAN, DOCTOR?

CONSIDERING YOU NEVER TAKE MY ADVICE AND JUST REST, YOU'RE A STUBBORN ONE, MRS. P.

--BUT PERHAPS THAT'S WHY WE ALL LOVE YOU HERE!

SOMEONE'S GOTTA PAY FOR YOUR STAY IN HERE, AND WE'VE GOT A ROSEN OVERDUE BILL NOTICES IN THE MAIL.

HECK, THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA SIT ON MY BUTT WHILE YOUR MEDICARE RUNS OUT-- AN' YOU GET TOSSED OUTTA HERE HALF-TREATED.

WE NEED CASH-- AN' I'M GONNA GET SOME --ANYWAY I HAVE TO.



MEANWHILE, IN THE HALL OUTSIDE MAY PARKER'S ROOM--



DOCTOR, YOU'RE POSITIVELY FLATTERING.

SURE YOU'RE OKAY, MOM? YOU'RE FOLLOWING THE DOCTOR'S ORDERS?

I'M TAKING CARE OF MYSELF, IT'S YOU I WORRY ABOUT.

I DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU'RE INVOLVED IN, SON.



PLEASE, IF NOT FOR ME, THEN FOR YOUR SAKE-- GIVE IT UP!

SON, I-- I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU IN JAIL EVER AGAIN.

AW, COME OFF IT, MOM. I'M A BIG BOY NOW. I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.



THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS SHOW UP HERE EVERY SO OFTEN.

YOU DO CARE ABOUT YOUR AUNT, DON'T YOU?

SURE, OF COURSE.

THEN SHOW IT.



WELL, IF IT ISN'T MAY PARKER'S SEMI-ATTENTIVE NEPHEW.

HOW GOOD OF YOU TO COME HERE, PARKER-- FIVE MINUTE VISITING HOURS END.

OBOY... IS IT THAT TIME ALREADY?

YOUR AUNT'S A VERY SICK WOMAN, PARKER, AND FOR SOME REASON I CAN'T FATHOM, SHE THINKS OF YOU AS HER KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR.

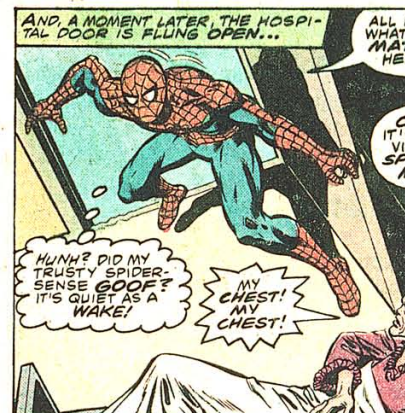


AS DOCTOR TOMPKINS LEAVES...

WHEN I'M NOT EXACTLY HIS FAVORITE PERSON, AM I?

BUT HOW CAN I TELL HIM THE GREEN GOBLIN KEPT ME BUSY WHILE MY AUNT HAD HER ATTACK?

I CAN'T! SO, AS USUAL, PETER PARKER TAKES HIS LUMBS FOR BEING CALLOUS ALL THE WHILE HE'S TRYING TO HELP HUMANITY...



AND, A MOMENT LATER, THE HOSPITAL DOOR IS FLUNG OPEN...

ALL RIGHT, WHAT'S THE MATTER HERE?

OH MY! IT'S THAT VICIOUS SPIDER-MAN!

MUHH? DID MY TRUSTY SPIDER-SENSE GOOF? IT'S QUIET AS A WAKE!

MY CHEST! MY CHEST!



OBOY BETTER EXPLAIN FAST, THEN GET OUTTA HERE-- AUNT MAY'S CLUTCHING HER CHEST IN PAIN.

SORRY, FOLKS, THIS IS JUST A MISTAKE.

I'LL BE GOING NOW... NOBODY WILL BE HURT, I PROMISE.



...NOT THAT SPIDER-MAN HAS ANY GRATITUDE BESTOWED ON HIM, EITHER. SHEESH, I TRY TO HELP AND I GET DUMPED ON-- BY EVERYONE.

EH, MY SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING LIKE CRAZY. SOMETHING'S GOING ON INSIDE AUNT MAY'S ROOM.



SPIDER-MAN! HOW DID HE KNOW I WAS HERE?

ROBERT? WHY IS HE HERE?

YOU DON'T HAVE A PROMISE, CREEP...



YOU DON'T HAVE A PROMISE, CREEP...

NO, ROBERT-- HE'S SOME KIND OF MONSTER! STAY AWAY FROM HIM!

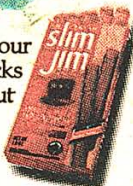


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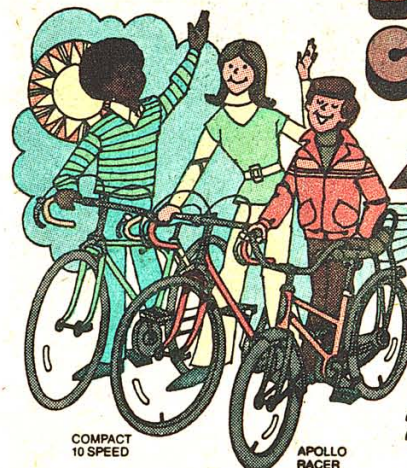
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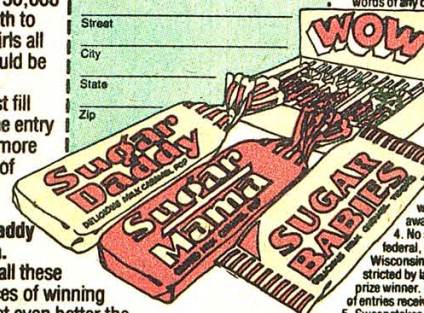
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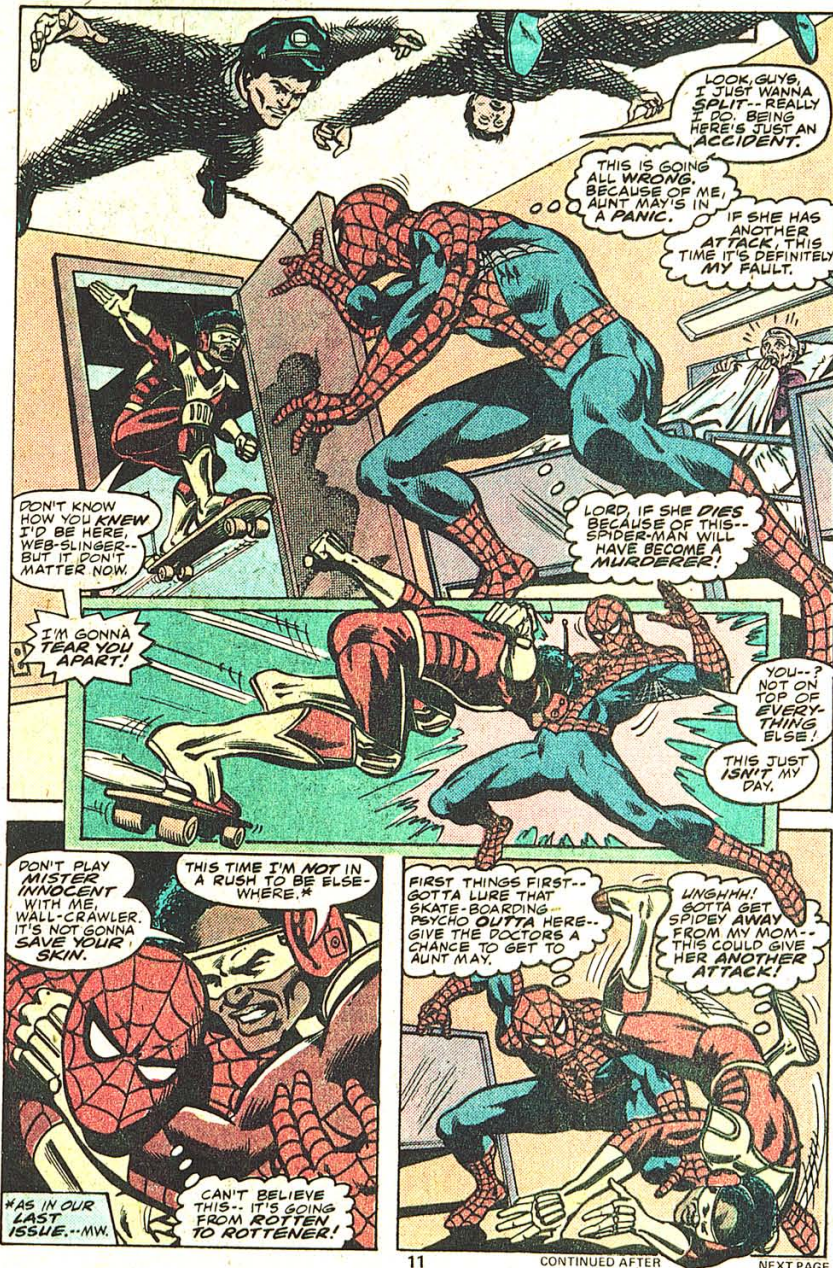
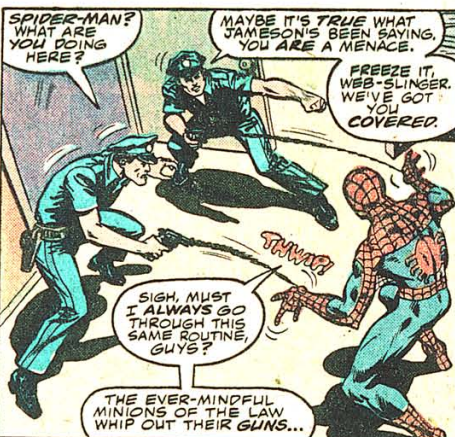
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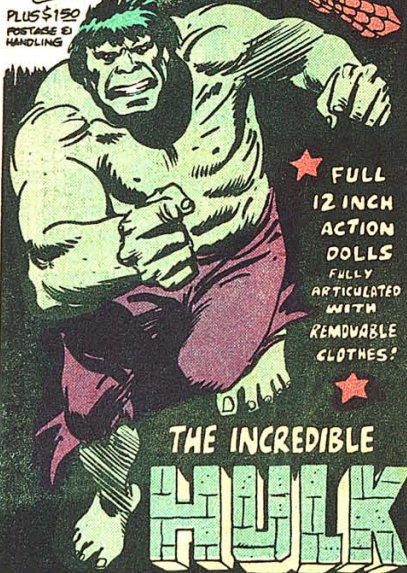


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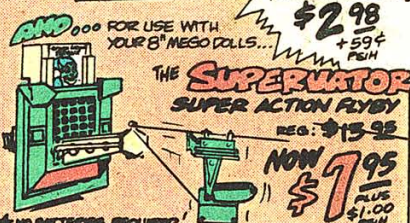


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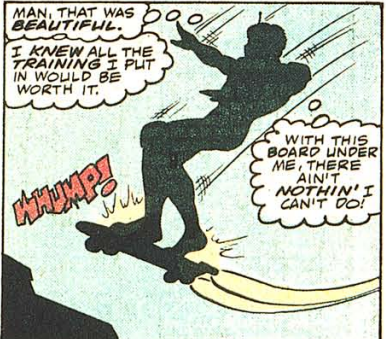
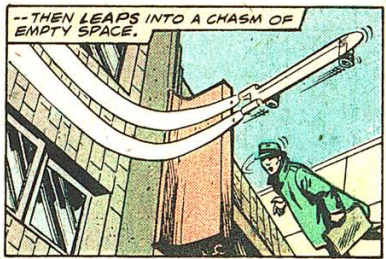
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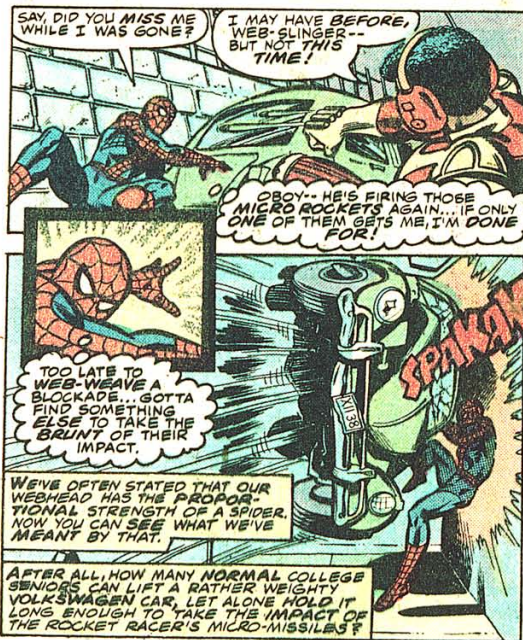
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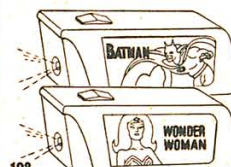
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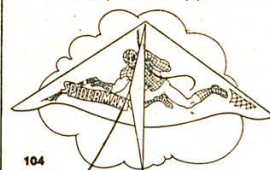
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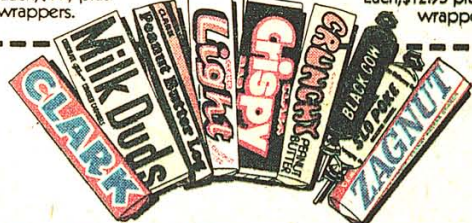
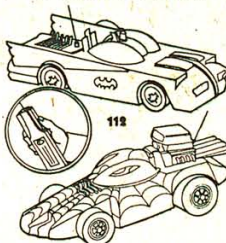
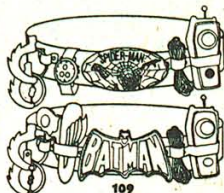
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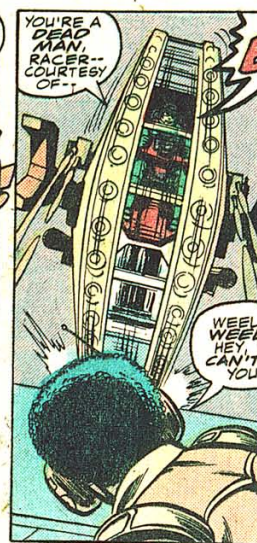




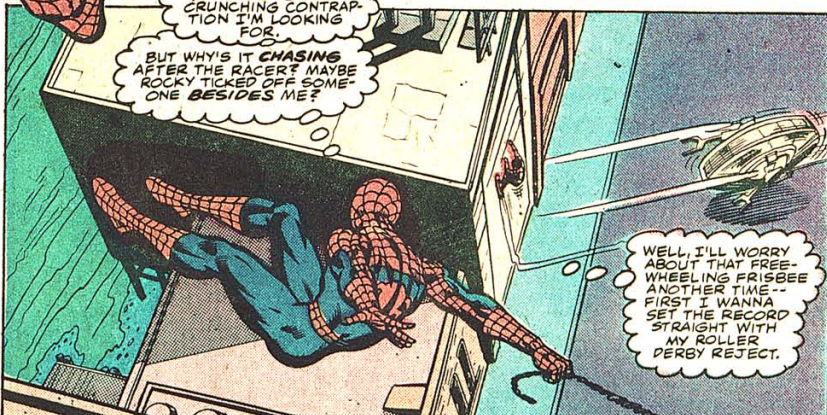
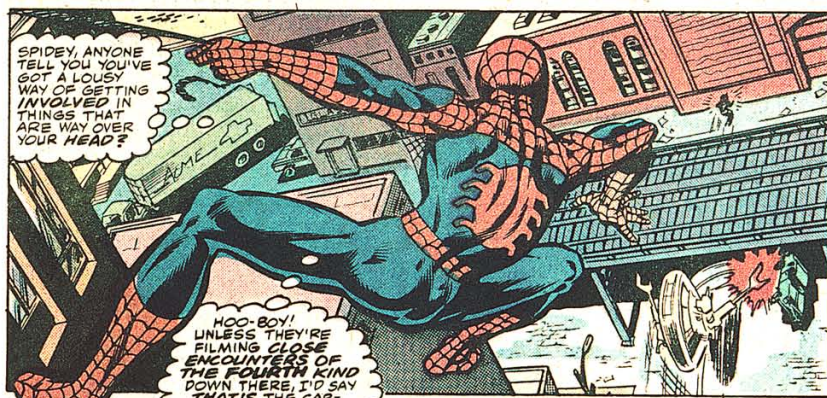
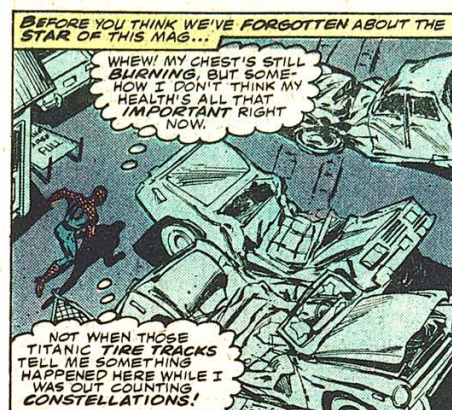
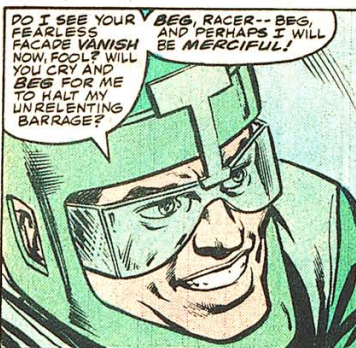
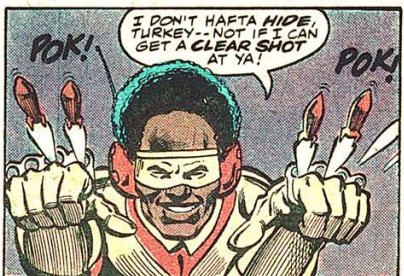
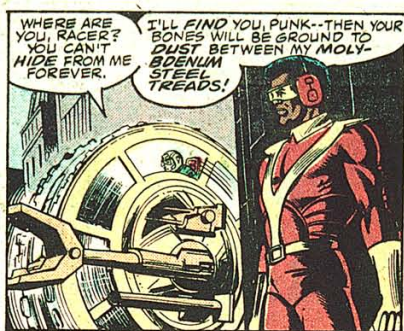
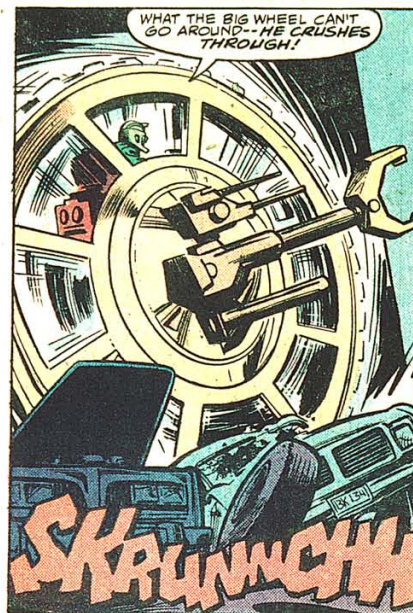
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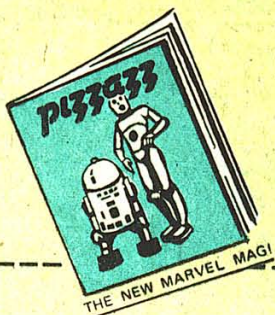






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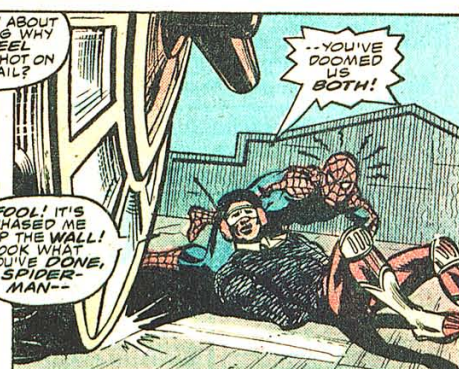
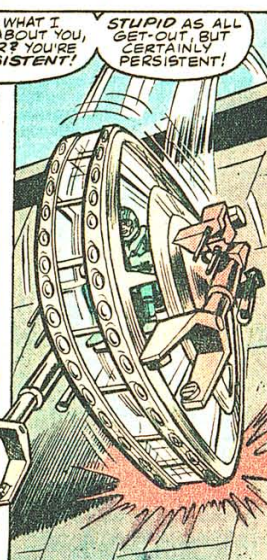
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Wow! The past few weeks have seen a scintilla of rhapsodic responses from Marveldom Assembled on the subject of the mysterious identity of the all-new Green Goblin! By now, all regular Spideophiles know there was more to the storyline than might at first have seemed to meet the eye.

Here's a representative sampling of the endless epistles...

Dear Marvel,

Dr. Barton Hamilton is the Green Goblin! But how could the Doctor have become the Green Goblin? I believe that the Green Goblin is a disembodied evil entity from another dimension who takes over individuals when their mental defenses have been lowered. Norman Osborn received head injuries which rendered him unconscious. Therefore, he was affected the most which resulted in him developing the costume and weapons that the entity needed to achieve his evil desires.

There is a second condition that must be fulfilled before the entity can take over a victim. The victim must have an intimate knowledge of the Goblin's weapons and motives. Harry and the Doctor both fit this category. Harry with his emotional breakdown (the first one) and his discovery of his father's weapons, and the doctor through his discussions with Harry.

Annie Gould

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A very interesting theory, indeed, Annie! At least, it's certainly deserving of a good deal of conjecture, even if it is somewhat removed from our current conception of the character. What interests us even more, however, is your peerless perception that both Harry and the good doc had the proper potentialities to be, quite probably, the Green Goblin.

Dear Marvel,

You really think you're slick. You know as well as I do that the Green Goblin isn't Harry Osborn, but Dr. Barton Hamilton. Robin Christopher Skene  
339 East Hyde Park Blvd.  
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Dear Marvel,

I have just finished reading SPIDER-MAN #178 and I know what you are doing. You see, I have figured out that the Green

Goblin is not Harry Osborn, as you are trying to make everyone think, but actually, Dr. Hamilton.

Doug Purviance  
13 St. James Dr.  
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Dear Whoever,

This issue, (#178) smacked more of vintage Spidey than any recent issue that I can remember. Pete's mad chase across town to visit the possibly dying Aunt May, with the Green Goblin constantly harassing and finally capturing him, reminded me of many Stan Lee episodes from the past which I still love. Whenever there's a turning point or crisis in Pete's personal life, the specter of the Green Goblin (be he Norman Osborn, Harry Osborn, or Bart Hamilton) always seems to loom large. He is the arch-foe of Spider-Man, such as Doc Doom is to the FF. When he pops up, you know something big's in the works. Does this mean that Aunt May possibly won't recover from her 86th and 87th heart attacks?

Probably my favorite sequence this issue was the telephone scene on page 22. How many times have we been driven insane by just-missed telephone calls? I'm only grateful that Len decided to have mercy this time and let our hero get the news, bad though it may have been. Nothing is more frustrating than knowing something the hero doesn't, especially when it's of life-and-death importance. Another nice, realistic touch was evidenced when Spidey, being hassled by the Goblin on pg. 27, feels no need to bandy threats with him, and just out-and-out tells him that he's got a sick aunt and would he please stop getting in his way. Spider-Man is decidedly at his best when he becomes emotionally involved, and even better when his crime fighting and personal life intersect. And, while this doesn't do much for his peace of mind, it sure makes for emotionally involving stories. SPIDER-MAN #178 was one of these.

Anyway, all the Lost Marvel Madmen and myself wish Marv good luck on SPIDER-MAN, and at the same time don't envy his position as having to follow an act like Len's. But, knowing Marv's capabilities, we know he'll rise to the occasion and boggle our collective minds.

Commander Quotey  
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UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T SAY THE SAME FOR YOUR PLAYMATE.

KRAASH!

HE CAN'T TURN THAT GALLOPING GIZMO IN TIME.

HE CRASHED THROUGH THE WALL.

OH NO-- NO! I CAN'T STOP THIS BLASTED THING.

WHY DIDN'T I TAKE THE TIME TO PERFECT MY CONTROL OVER IT?

NO SIGN OF THE DRIVER.

WELL, HERE I GO, DOING SOME-THING STUPID YET ONE MORE TIME.

BUT I CAN'T LET THAT POOR GUY DIE-- EVEN IF HE WAS TRYING TO FLATTEN THE RACER INTO PANKAKES!

SOMEONE-- ANYONE-- HELP ME!

YEECHHH! SO MUCH MUCK AND MIRE DOWN HERE I CAN'T SEE A BLASTED THING. THE WHEEL'S LOST IN ALL THIS SEWAGE.

WHAT A HORRIBLE WAY TO GO!

AND SPEAKING OF GOING, I SEE THE RACER SPLIT WHILE I WAS MAKING LIKE PRINCE NAMOR

NOT THAT I'M ALL THAT SURPRISED. I JUST WISH I KNEW WHAT HE WAS UP TO, AND WHY HE WAS AT THE HOSP!-- OMIGOSH!

AUNT MAY! IN ALL THE CONFUSION-- I FORGOT ABOUT HER!

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AUNT MAY, GUESS WHICH OF YOUR FAVORITE NEPHEWS IS HERE TO--

SHE'S GONE! WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?

WAS I TOO LATE? IF ANYTHING HAPPENED WHILE I WAS GONE, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF.

WORRIED, PETER RACES DOWN THE CORRIDORS IN SEARCH OF DOCTOR TOMPKINS...

SO YOU'RE BACK, PARKER. HOW NICE OF YOU TO SPARE THE TIME!

WHERE'S MY AUNT? NOW IS SHE?



WE'VE MOVED HER INTO THE CRITICAL WARD, PARKER. SHE HAD ANOTHER SEIZURE WHILE SPIDER-MAN WAS HERE.

SHE'S BEEN GIVEN A SEDATIVE, AND SHE CAN'T HAVE ANY VISITORS--WHICH SHOULD MAKE SUCH AN ATTENTIVE NEPHEW LIKE YOU VERY HAPPY.

GOOD DAY, PARKER.



BY NEARLY SCARING HER TO DEATH!

SHE HAD AN ATTACK BECAUSE OF ME! ONCE AGAIN I'VE CREATED A DISASTER. SHE'S SACRIFICED EVERYTHING FOR ME, AND HOW DO I RETURN HER LOVE--?

HEY, THERE YOU ARE, TIGER. I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.

MARY JANE?



YOU'RE A REAL WINNER, PARKER. WHEN THEY AUCTIONED OFF THOSE BIG, BLACK CLOUDS THAT HANG OVER YOUR LIFE--YOU MUST'VE BEEN THE FIRST FOOL TO BID.

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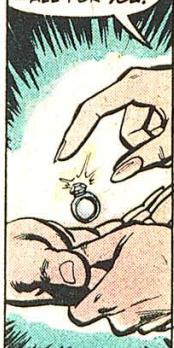


HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT MY--PROPOSAL?

PROPOSAL? OH, THAT. THAT'S WHAT THIS DIPPED DARLING IS HERE FOR, TIGER.



I'VE GOT SOMETHING BIG, BEAUTIFUL, AND SHINY--ALL FOR YOU!



WHAT GIVES? THIS IS THE ENGAGEMENT RING I GAVE TO YOU.

WHY ARE YOU RETURNING IT?



C'MON, TIGER--Y'KNOW GOOD OL' MJ IS TOO FREE A SPIRIT TO TIE HERSELF DOWN TO ANY ONE SWINGER--EVEN TO A BROWN-EYED HUNK LIKE YOU.



THERE'S A WORLD OF GROOVY GUYS OUT THERE, AND THIS DOLL'S GOTTA BE FREE TO FIND 'EM.

BESIDES, TIGER--I'M NOT THE DOWN-HOME-AND-MARRYING-KIND.



HEY, PUT ON A SMILE! DOLL-FACE--I'LL SEE YOU AROUND...SOMETIME.

WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDS, RIGHT, TIGER?

SHE JILTED ME. SHE JILTED ME!



WELL, THIS HAS REALLY BEEN A RED-LETTER DAY, HASN'T IT? MY AUNT'S IN THE CRITICAL WARD BECAUSE OF ME...

...AND MY GAL VIRTUALLY TELLS ME WE'RE THROUGH, THAT SHE DOESN'T WANNA SEE ME ANYMORE. WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NEXT?



I'M WAITING FOR THE SKY TO FALL IN.

WHY IS MRS. MUGGINS STARING AT ME LIKE THAT...?



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## STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hey, gang, let's try something new! Whenever the Fates inflict me on some defenseless college campus for a soul-stirring lecture, the best part of the whole nutty affair is usually the free-wheeling questions-and-answers section which serves as a wrap-up for our cornucopia of cultural comic book lore. Well, if it's such a blast in the hallowed halls of academia, why shouldn't it work as well right here on our beloved Bullpen Bulletins page? Why should you have to pay a fortune going to some expensive university just for the privilege of stumping me with some zinger? Okay then, here's the bit. If there's any burning query you've been itching to toss at me, jot it down—in no more than 25 words—(after all, I've gotta read the stuff!) and send it to "Stan Lee's Soapbox, Marvel Comics, 575 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022". The more offbeat, philosophical, and unexpected your question is, the better. But remember, we've got about fifteen million readers each month, and I'll only be able to answer one or two questions per issue, so don't figure we've got a personal vendetta against you if we don't print yours! Anyway, whether your own personal poser is used or not, you'll still qualify for a late-model No-Prize (with front wheel disc brakes!) when you send in your interrogatory masterpiece! (And you thought Santa Claus only did his thing at Xmas time!) Actually, the devious purpose of this sinister scheme is to help the post office sell a few more stamps to aid the national economy—so it's your patriotic duty to participate, right? Incidentally, all entries have to be postmarked before June 15th! No special reason—it just makes it sound more official! And, it oughta give us enough topics to last till the Silver Surfer loses his curling iron. So, till next ish, this is your obfuscatory ol' pen pal saying—

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! When DAVE (The Dude) KRAFT waltzed into the Bullpen the other day, smiling contentedly, we all knew that the long-awaited day had come—the latest, and possibly the greatest Marvel Super Special ever assembled at last was finished! Someone summoned JIM (Trouble) SHOOTER while Memorabilia MARTHA CONWAY notified STAN THE MAN and held all calls during the presentation. The verdict? Well, it's always a pleasure to announce the completion of a major project—but it's especially gratifying when the project has turned out to be a showpiece—a package so good that it seems to have a special magic that transcends the sum of its creative components. Such is THE BEATLES STORY, by DAVE KRAFT, GEORGE PEREZ, KLAUS

JANSON, TOM PALMER, TOM ORZ-CHOWSKI and a cast of thousands, all of whom have truly outdone themselves in this magnificent tribute to the most important rock band in the history of music. It's on sale in May. Whatever you do, don't miss this one!

ITEM! Also coming your way in the month of May is what may be the most requested return engagement of all time, STAR-LORD once again rockets into high adventure and mind-boggling science-fiction thrills in the pages of MARVEL PREVIEW #14. The story was conceived and written by Cheerful CHRIS CLAREMONT, a Marvel regular who seems to be rapidly approaching legendary stature, due in no small measure to his last Star-Lord epic, Chariot! CARMINE INFANTINO provided the powerful pencils which Bombastic BOB WIACEK boldly embellished and the results are guaranteed to leave you breathless. The way it all comes together brings to mind that word showpiece again. But of course, we knew you'd want it to be that good.

ITEM! Yes, there's more! MARVEL TREASURY EDITION #17 featuring none other than THE INCREDIBLE HULK will find its way to your newsstand soon. It is definitely not an item to be missed—you know how angry Ol' Greenskin gets when he's ignored.

ITEM! The baffled Bullpen had just begun to sort out all the new names and faces already present when suddenly another wave of creative folk arrived on the scene! Welcome anyway, to Benevolent BOB LUBBERS (rhymes with "Gooberns"), who gained fame a while back as an illustrator for the Tarzan newspaper strip as well as the memorable Long Sam strip with which he is most closely identified. Also being cheerfully piped aboard are Deliberate DAVID MICHELINIE (rhymes with "pickle-my-knee"... sort of), who is universally regarded as one of the finest writers in the business; and Baby-faced BOB LAYTON (rhymes with "antidistastabishmentarianism"), who is rapidly gaining a similar reputation as an inker. We could clue you in to what these titanicly talented gentlemen are working on—but that would end all the suspense! Just keep watching the by-lines on Mighty Marvel's monthly offerings and be ready to be dazzled and delighted!

ITEM! It seems that somewhere in between creating masterworks for TOMB OF DRACULA and guiding the destinies of a host of Marvel's top characters, Marvelous MARV WOLFGAN has found time to script a novel. Working in close cooperation with his good friend and associate Len Wein, Marv produced the first (and sure to be classic) novel featuring none other than The Amazing Spider-Man for the publishers of POCKET BOOKS. It should be on sale virtually everywhere soon, so if you see it, be sure to pick it up. And if you don't see it—ask!



ITEM! Actually, an unabashed plug—two great books you shouldn't pass up are THE HUMAN FLY and THE INVADERS. Believe us.

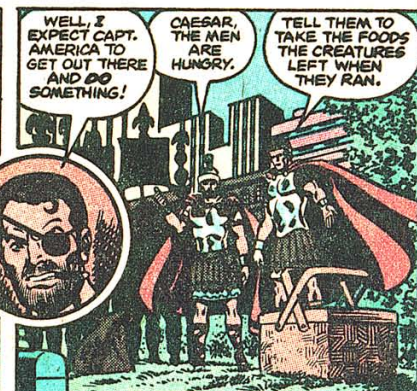
ITEM! Shame on us! Last time out we admonished the one or two holdouts who haven't yet subscribed to FOOM, Marvel's own behind-the-scenes magazine, but we forgot to mention just how one goes about signing up! Send a check or money order for \$3.00 for a Foomatic four-issue subscription. Or better still, send \$4.00 for a riotous full Friends Of I.D. card, stick-ons, and a special bonus full-color poster, to FOOM, Subscription Department B, c/o Marvel Comics Group, 575 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. And now back to the real world!

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